

Financial Review

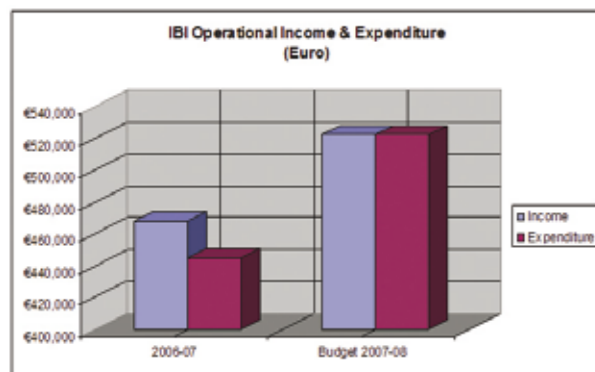
2006-07 was a great year for IBI - spiritually, academically & financially - God again met all our needs.

Each year our faith is stretched as we prepare the budget, and each year we are amazed at how God provides through many individuals, churches and trusts/organisations. As the budget increases may our faith also increase as together we continue to learn to trust God day by day, month by month and year by year.

Our sincere thanks to those who stand with us, praying with us, giving sacrificially, investing in the Kingdom by investing in our students.

Our tenants in the building are well settled in at this point, and things are running smoothly. We continually thank God for the incredible facilities He has provided.

Here is a summary of our operational Income and Expenditure for the past year, with the budget for 2007-08. We were very pleased to end the 2006-07 year (31st July 2007) with a surplus on the operational budget overall.



However, in this year's budget almost €65,000 of the total income required is 'new' money, or money from new partners, which we need to find. On the positive side, that figure is lower than initially anticipated by approx. €25,000 due to extra fee income we will receive because of increased student numbers.

God is good.

Dawn Langrell

(Audited accounts are available on request).

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New appointment



Anne Somerville has been appointed as PA to the Principal. Her responsibilities involve organising the Principals diary and assisting in the preparation of fundraising applications and reports.

Anne is married to Ian and has four sons. She graduated from IBI in 2005 with a Certificate in Applied Theology. Before coming to IBI she worked in various administrative positions. She is also a Geologist and has worked in U.C.D. for many

years both in teaching and research. Anne leads a small group for women in her local community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Eric Chaloner for his commitment and contribution to IBI over the past 2 years in his role as Head of Support and Development. We wish him well as he re-focuses his energies on his work as a business development advisor.

Prayer and Praise

It is impossible not to be excited about what God is doing here at IBI. While you've been praying, our heavenly Father has been working. He has drawn an amazing bunch of students here to study this year. Praise Him!

Please continue to pray for:

- Students, new and returning, that their time here at IBI will be one of transformation for them and blessing for the churches where they serve.
- Graduates: that the Lord will continue to renovate their hearts as they use the skills learned at IBI to lead and disciple.
- Teachers: some who are teaching for the first time here at IBI and some teaching new courses this year, give thanks for their servant-hearts and pray that the Lord would meet their every need.
- MA: For the applicants whom the Lord is drawing at the moment, that they would be able to make clear and wise decisions as they consider committing to further theological study. For current MA students, many of whom are now writing dissertations, pray that the Lord would enable them to persevere and finish well.
- Annual Appeal: Give thanks that the Lord provides for the work of IBI through the faithful giving of our supporters and pray for this year's appeal which will take place before Christmas.



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“Hear O Students”

Principals address to commencing students

We are often asked to explain the significance of the IBI symbol Ψ . It has a number of aspects to it. Firstly this Hebrew symbol reminds us of 'shalom' meaning peace, wholeness, or well being.

It also represents what is perhaps the most significant exhortation in the Hebrew Bible, as seen in Deut 6:4-5, which begins with Ψ , shema, or hear. “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

It is no surprise that Jesus returned to this significant text, quoting Deut. 6, when He was asked “which is the greatest commandment”? (Mark12:28). Jesus calls us to listen to God through His word, which we need to do each day, especially in bible college, because He is the one and only God. We are called to love God completely with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Loving God with all of our heart means our affection is set on Him. While the world calls us to give our heart to everything and anything in extremely temporal terms, loving God with all our heart for the Christian should be the constant in our lives, our north star as it were, from where we take our bearing. From this flows a loving of God with all our soul. For the Hebrew soul is t h e

source of vitality in life, the motivational power which brings strength to the will allowing us to follow through on choices we make. Paul was clearly in this vein of thought in Phil 3:13, where he states that “this one thing I do forgetting what is behind I press forward”.



1st year evening students
 Front row left to right: Jacob Reynolds, Cynthia Wong, Natalia McDonagh, Rachel Kinlan, Lorna Carson. Ladies, standing left to right: Claire Mulholland, Deanne Carleton, Sharan Kelly, Juris Matusalem, Emma Lynch, Heejin Kim and Michelle Foster.

Men, standing, left to right: Clive Gill, Gordon Irons, Joseph Omoniyi, Keith Adams, Brian Thompson, Jonny Lindsay, Derek Singleton, Gavin Conway, David Bulza, Victor Lopez, Jojo Geroche and Marlon Almonte

It should never come as a surprise to bible college students that we are called to love God with all our minds. The study of theology should never be just an intellectual exercise. We are called upon to engage all our mental faculties in the pursuit of the knowledge of God. This involves the transformation of our minds and lives.

We are instructed to love God with all our strength, that is, with our physical capacities including our possessions, time and abilities. For students at IBI this may mean a change of priorities over the coming year.

Jesus also commands us to love each other well. This will indeed be necessary during the coming year with such a great diversity of students from different backgrounds, with different theological views and outlooks on life. In class and around the lunch table much loving of each other will be needed.

Finally, as our focus returns to Deuteronomy, God's people were instructed to tie the words onto their foreheads and hands so that everything they set their minds to and everything they set their hands to were guided exclusively by a love for God. So HEAR O students of IBI, throughout this year and always, let us allow God to shape our attitudes and our actions by loving Him with all our being.

This is what IBI is all about.

Jacob Reynolds, Principal

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Graduation



Left to right: Claudiu Lucaci, Alex Gason, Heather Stewart and Richard Thompson who graduated with a HE Diploma in Applied Theology



Left to right: Louise Cassidy, Bill Walsh, Lynda Elmes, Heather Boate, Belinda Kingston and Sue McAllister who graduated with a Certificate in Applied Theology.



Eva Rothwell who graduated with a one year evening IBI Certificate

New Teachers at IBI

We are pleased to welcome three new teachers to IBI this semester: Paul Perry, Ciaran Loughran and Jonathan Shaw. Please pray for these new teachers as they prepare and teach their courses.

We would also like to thank Dan Stott for his contribution to the teaching team at IBI and wish him God's blessings as he takes up his new role as Pastor to a church in the USA.



Paul Perry has lived in Dublin all his life. However, he loves to travel and meet people from other nations, and has enjoyed many trips abroad both for holiday and Christian mission. He is married to Caroline, they have a daughter named Abigail. Paul, who has a passion to see the church in Ireland excel, is currently in his final year of the M.A. in Applied Theology at IBI and is also teaching "Hebrews" here at undergraduate level. He pastors Cornerstone Christian Church and is also a pastoral advisor to students in UCD. Additionally he has leadership responsibilities in Horizon Ireland and Horizon International network of churches. Over a seventeen year period before pastoring Paul's work was primarily in industrial and supervisory roles.

A Graduating student speaks about her time at IBI



Belinda receives her award from the Principal, Jacob Reynolds

"My name is Belinda Kingston and I completed the IBI certificate course last year. I would like to share with you some of what going to IBI meant to me.

This time last year I was unsure about what IBI would be like. Looking back now I realise I had nothing to worry about! IBI gave me a pleasant glimpse of how Christians can live in the real

world, strive for excellence at what they do and still serve God with all their hearts. There is obviously a host of things I could write about 'what I learnt last year' but I am going to focus on a couple of the most significant.

Firstly I think I learnt more about the Bible and the God it speaks of than in all my other years of life combined. I particularly appreciated learning how to properly interpret the Bible and was encouraged to learn some verses off by heart, something which I had shamefully never attempted before! Through the modules

in Church History and especially Old Testament I rediscovered my enthusiasm for exploring ancient cultures. Secondly I was greatly challenged by the lecturers and other students at IBI. I loved hearing people's stories of how they were living out their faith, the struggles and the triumphs. I always hoped that people's Godly influence would rub off on me! I also appreciated the exposure to different views on things. To be honest I was new to many of the theological debates so enjoyed listening to the discussions.

A couple of weeks ago I started a new job as administrator and mentor coordinator at Urban Junction, a Christian Youth Centre in Blackrock. I hope that I get to put into practice there much of what I learnt at IBI. There is a good chance I wouldn't have chosen to work in such a job if I hadn't been to IBI.

I am much more a forward planner than a reflective thinker. I am happy developing strategies and starting programmes but I struggle with follow-up reflection times and self-analysis. Being at IBI and writing reflective pieces makes me face myself more. I'm forced to question what I have learnt, my ideas about God, my skills, who I think I am and who I am before God. I am really thankful that I got the chance to study at IBI and I won't forget it too easily."



Ciaran Loughran grew up in Navan, Co. Meath. He is married to June and they have two young children, Saoirse and Mark. They are currently church planting in Trim where they hope to see a thriving worshipping community established known as 'Living Hope Church'. They are thrilled to be part of IBI because it is a focal point of God's work in this country, where many lives are changed. Ciaran firmly believes 'Introduction to Biblical Interpretation' provides a solid foundation for a lifelong pattern of change as students grow in their knowledge and love of God.



Jonathan Shaw, his wife, Ashling and three children, live in Crumlin, Dublin. Jonathan began volunteering with Dublin Christian Mission (DCM) in 1986 and has had many years of experience with the youth and family ministries of DCM. Jonathan is now in full-time youth ministry with Grosvenor Road Baptist Church. He has a passion for the development of Youth Ministry in Ireland and is particularly committed to the training and development of Youth Leaders. Jonathan writes, "I'm so excited to be teaching the 'Developing Youth Ministry' module in IBI. It has great potential for influencing many current and would-be youth leaders towards a God-honouring approach to Youth Ministry, the results of which will be seen way beyond the few years young people spend in our various ministries."

Commencement

David Blevins, a new student at IBI, speaks about the journey that led him to his decision to come to IBI:



"This time last year, I was broadcasting to millions, interviewing people like the President of the United States, making lots of money but was totally unfulfilled. Today, I am a full time student of the Irish Bible Institute, engaged in pastoral ministry in Northern Ireland, living by faith and more at peace than I have ever been.

To cut a long story short, God allowed me to outrun Him for 18 years! I spent those years in journalism, the last 10 of them as a correspondent with Sky News. I covered everything from the Omagh bombing to 9/11. In Stormont, I witnessed the signing of the Good Friday Agreement. In the Pentagon, I witnessed the fall of Baghdad. It was all going so well until God took me on a short term mission trip to Africa. There, He impacted my life to such an extent that I have been back eight times in five years! He brought me to the point of surrender, to the point where I realised that I would never find fulfilment in my career.

What an amazing God we serve! He had called, He had confirmed the call through His Word, He had provided the resources. You do not leave your career easily when you have three children.

For too long, my identity was in my career. People didn't know me as David, they knew me as David Blevins from Sky News. At long last, I have found my identity in Jesus."

This is just an excerpt from David's speech, to read the complete speech please visit our website at www.IBionline.ie/our_students/graduation_2007



Certificate students

Front row, l-r: Sheila Lindsay, Judith Keating, Daniel Martin and David Blevins.
Middle row, l-r: Sarah Burke, Jill Harper, Sarah Cunningham, Damien Burke, Lisa-Monique Avenstrup, Gerry Montgomery and Michael Briggs.
Back row, l-r: Olwen Lynch, Fionnula Sparksman, Eric Hughes, William Patton, Jamie Gilbert, Peter Doyle and John McCarthy.
Also in this class but not pictured are: Simon Kilpatrick, Seggi Sevcova, Marie Quinlan, John O'Donnell and Stephen McConnell.



Diploma and Degree students

Front row, l-r: Susan Hill, Valerie Hilliard, Ana Mullan, Sarah Kingston and Aoife Lewis. Middle row, l-r: Judy Barry, Anne McDonald, Lucy Kelly, Susan Spurgeon-Cochrane, Jonny Somerville and Kieron Kelly.
Back row, l-r: Cormac Shaw, Richard Cronin, Paddy Grant, Charlie Mills, Andrew Gill, Roseline Esuku and George O'Callaghan.
Also in this class but not pictured are Karon Bartley and Audrey Reilly.



2nd and 3rd year Evening students

Front row, l-r: David Gardner, Martin O'Kelly.
Middle row, l-r: Ruth Doran, Bertilla Keane, Christopher McEvoy, Murna Lappin, Alan Spain, Grace Percy and Faith Okello.
Back row, l-r: Richie Somerville, Hugh Carleton, Kenny Morrison, Kevin Barrett, Karen Welch, Gerry O'Keefe and Susan Fry.